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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of Andrea Heilemann, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1615 : :
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For:	PROCESSES FOR PREPARING CROSS- LINKER-FREE, BIOPOLYMER- CONTAINING THREE DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES, AND PRODUCTS PREPARED THEREBY	: Attorney Docket : No.: H 4289 PCT/US : : :

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**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003 (Paper No. 8), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a two-month extension of time, up to and including February 10, 2004, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment. Remarks begin on page 6 of this Amendment.

Please amend the instant application, without prejudice, as follows.